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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 5/18/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12,15-20,36,41-43,47-50,67 and 74-78.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20070525
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment, filed on 5/18/2007, which has been entered in the file. Claims 12, 15-20, 36, 41-43, 47-50, 67 and 74-78 are pending.

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 5/18/2007. These drawings are acceptable to the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 12, 15-20, 36, 41-43, 47-50, 67 and 74-78 have been allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or fairly suggest: (re claim 12 and dependents) a data card having a second side portion having two flat portions on either side of a protrusion portion, the J-peg shaped aperture is located through the protrusion portion; (re claim 36 and dependents) a method comprising providing a data card having a top edge comprising two flat portions on either side of a protrusion portion and one or more of the at least one aperture is located through the protrusion portion; (re claim 67 and dependents) a data card comprising a top edge comprising two flat portions on either side of a protrusion portion and at least one aperture through the protrusion portion; in combination with the other claimed limitations as set forth in claims 12, 36 and 67.

Hollingsworth et al (US 2002/0100797 A1) and Koren (US 2002/0117243 A1) both teach card holders including relatively flat edges on either side of a protrusion portion, and an aperture through the protrusion portion. However, both Hollingsworth et al and Koren both teach the protrusion portion and aperture being provided on a card holder rather than the card itself. Therefore, without the benefit of applicant's teachings, there is no motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the prior art of record in a manner so as to create the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hollingsworth et al (US 2002/0100797 A1) and Koren (US 2002/0117243 A1) both teach card holders including relatively flat edges on either side of a protrusion portion, and an aperture through the protrusion portion.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jared J. Fureman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2391. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 5:30 PM M-T, and every other Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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